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Re: MUR# 5976

Dear Mr. Jordan

Your office should by now have received the designations of counsel in this Matter from Senator John McCain and John McCain 2008 (Joseph Schmuckler, Treasurer). On behalf of the Respondents in this Matter, I look forward to providing the Commission with a comprehensive Response to the Complaint filed by the Democratic National Committee.

Under FEC procedure, our Responses to the Complaint are due on Monday, March 17, 2008 (as to John McCain 2008 (Joe Schmuckler, Treasurer)) and on March 19, 2008 (as to Senator John McCain), in light of the receipt dates of March 1 and March 4, respectively. In the interest of administrative efficiency and in light of the complexity of some of the material, Respondents intend to file a joint submission, and respectfully request (pursuant to the Commission's procedures provided with the Complaint) doing so on March 28, 2008, representing a nine-day extension to the existing timing requirements.

Although I am aware the Commission grants extensions of up to twenty days to respond to Complaints, I am also mindful of the exceeding importance of this Matter to the 2008 Presidential election, and therefore am not requesting an extension of that length. However, the Complaint does raise issues of banking and securities, administrative, and constitutional, law that necessarily must be explored in a comprehensive Response. Responding to this matter in a meaningful way also requires the assistance of people with expertise beyond my own, as well as obtaining information from the banking institution whose loan to the McCain campaign is discussed in the Complaint. Accordingly, I believe the requested extension would materially assist the Respondents in presenting this information so that it will be available to the Commission in the future when it can meet on this Matter, and that under the circumstances the requested extension will not adversely affect the Commission's consideration of this matter.

Sincerely Yours,


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